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July 8, 1982

Mr. James W. Godlove  
Director of Environmental Affairs  
White River Shale Oil Corporation  
Suite 500 Prudential Building  
115 South Main Street  
Salt Lake City, Utah 84111

RE: Approval to Conduct  
Limited Site Development  
White River Shale Project  
ACT/047/017  
Uintah County, Utah

Dear Mr. Godlove:

As you are aware, the possibility of limited initial development work has been considered by the Division upon White River Shale Oil Corporation (WRSOC) satisfying the Division's requests for additional soils information as a result of a May 5, 1982 field visit. WRSOC's timely submittal of such information via a May 24, 1982 "Topsoil Management Plan" and attendant topsoil isopach maps submitted June 8, 1982 have adequately satisfied that request.

This letter may be considered an approval to conduct limited site development activities only and applies specifically to upgrading the existing mine access road and site preparation for the future mine service building, decline portal and intake shaft. No other work may be initiated prior to Division approval of the Phase I Mining Permit application.

This approval is contingent upon White River Shale Oil Corporations' written acceptance of the following stipulation:

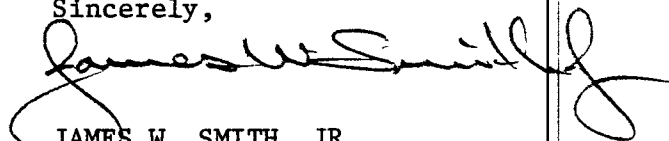
If for any unforeseen reason the Division or Board of Oil, Gas and Mining does not approve the Phase I Mining Permit or White River Shale Oil Corporation does not proceed with the project, WRSOC will immediately undertake to fully reclaim all areas affected in association with this limited site development.

This approval is granted based on the desirability of allowing WRSOC to remain on schedule in order to conduct development activities at a time of the year when the least environmental impact will occur. This is advisable in light of the level of planning provided in the Topsoil Management Plan. Further, this approval is based upon WRSOC's assurance that the \$1,000,000 reclamation bond filed with the BLM would be adequate to reclaim all disturbance associated with the above activities as approved.

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If there are any questions regarding this approval, please call me or  
Tom Portle of my staff.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "James W. Smith, Jr.", with a large, stylized flourish at the end.

JAMES W. SMITH, JR.  
COORDINATOR OF MINED LAND  
DEVELOPMENT

cc: Tom Tetting, OGM

JWS/TLP/dc